

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 772

By Burks

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Ms. Jeannette Warner as the 2008 Women's History Month honoree for Fair Park Senior Center.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life and the environment for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, through their hard work, expertise, and dedication, these sterling individuals have pieced together the enduring fabrics that comprise the grand tapestry of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, one such remarkable person is Jeannette Warner, who is most assuredly deserving of special recognition as this year's Women's History Month honoree for Fair Park Senior Center and who will be recognized at a special event on March 14, 2008; and

WHEREAS, born and raised in Cumberland County, Ms. Warner graduated in 1954 from Cumberland County High School, where she played on the basketball team all four years and was a member of the Beta Club; and

WHEREAS, Jeannette Warner rendered superb service for many years at the Cumberland Medical Center, as well as the Crossville Medical Group, where she worked for both Dr. R. Gene Cravens and James Callis; and

WHEREAS, realizing she needed more education to accomplish all that she wanted, Ms. Warner attended night classes at Roane State Community College and Tennessee Technological University while working for the Cumberland County Road Department; and

WHEREAS, a civic-minded person, Jeannette Warner campaigned for and was elected Cumberland County Executive in 1982 and again in 1986, in which position she served her

constituents with acumen and alacrity and held the singular distinction of being the first female elected to that prominent position; and

WHEREAS, she also displayed her pioneering leadership abilities in various positions with the Tennessee County Executive Association and capably served as the organization's first female president; and

WHEREAS, possessed of an entrepreneurial spirit, Ms. Warner opened and operated her own consignment shop business until 1997; she deservingly retired the next year, and now enjoys her beloved hobbies of gardening; reading; bird watching; doing crafts; taking care of her three cats, Velvet Elvis, Princess Daisy, and Fraidy Cat; babysitting her granddog, Penelope; and spending time with her family; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, Jeannette Warner is most appreciative of the love and support she receives from her family, which include her five biggest fans—her children, Cherry Daugherty, Carla Devine, Joan Ryan, Russell Warner, and Holly Hill; Ms. Warner counts raising her children to be productive, free-thinking adults as her greatest accomplishment; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Warner's outstanding success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to her reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and her uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Jeannette Warner is a giving person who epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor in Cumberland County; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jeannette Warner is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and recognize the 2008 Women's History Month honoree for the Fair Park Senior Center, Ms. Jeannette Warner, salute her meritorious service to the State of Tennessee, and extend to her our best wishes for her continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.